

To Environment Committee-

Regarding HB5293 please vote in support of this bill, because it's the right thing to do! Just to give you a little background on reasons why you should support it, I protested few years ago at the Danbury Ice Arena when Garden Brothers were in town and what a disaster that was. One of their men pretended to work at the arena as a parking attendant and he was directing cars into an open lot across the street and collecting money from each vehicle. Cops were called on him and a police report was filed. I also bought a circus ticket and went inside to see the condition of the animals up close and they were not in good shape. Missing patches of hair on the camels, and the elephant looking very sad/depressed (yes their emotions do show believe it or not). Attached please see the video and picture I took when I was inside the Danbury Ice Arena.

The bottom line is these animals have no voice, they are wild animals and therefor pose a risk to the public at any given time, they are abused profusely physically, lack of medical attention, and there are countless violations against these circus handlers. Exotic animals don't belong in our backyard, basement, house, circuses, even zoos are not the best place for them as that's captivity! Please help put an end to this.

Thank you for your time and support.

Best,
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